

Add U.S. Sen. Kit Bond and U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan to the wave of Beltway officials slamming bonuses at insurance giant AIG, which received millions in federal bailout money.

"The failed senior executives and the board of directors should have been fired when the government first had to step in and rescue the company," Bond, a Republican from Missouri, said in a floor speech this week. "If any worker in Missouri or in any state across the nation drove their company into the ground - they would be fired."

Meanwhile, Carnahan, D-St. Louis, is supporting a bill that would recoup bonuses from companies such as AIG that reward employees after receiving federal bailout funds.

Carnahan is a co-sponsor of the "Bailout Bonus Tax Bracket Act of 2009," authored by Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y.

This week, Carnahan spoke on CNN about the plan, which would tax such bonuses at 100 percent.

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